

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 14-33.

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (New) A roof rack for a vehicle, having at least one rail extending essentially at a distance from the roof surface of the vehicle and at least two supports at the ends of the rail to attach the roof rack to the vehicle roof, wherein the rail is shaped to have a curve in the end areas and wherein the area of each curve is held from below by the support, wherein the top surface of the support, when viewed in cross-section, forms a flat supporting surface for a matching surface on the rail, wherein the matching surface of the rail is flat when viewed in cross-section, and wherein the underside of the rail has a recess in the area of the curve to locate the support.

35. (New) The roof rack of claim 34, wherein the rail is tubular, and wherein the roof rack further comprises a projection which extends into the end of the rail, and wherein the projection has a shape which corresponds to the interior of the rail so as to engage the interior of the rail.

36. (New) The roof rack of claim 35, wherein the roof rack further comprises a mounting plate, and wherein the projection extends upwardly from the mounting plate.

37. (New) The roof rack of claim 36, wherein the mounting plate attaches to the bottom of the support.

38. (New) A roof rack for a vehicle comprising:

a rail extending at a distance from the roof of a vehicle;

a curved portion formed in the end area of the rail; and

a support attached to the curved portion and configured for attaching the rail to the roof of a vehicle, the support having an upper surface which is curved so as to be complementary to the lower surface of the curved portion formed in the end area of the rail.

39. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the support is generally flat on the bottom and configured for attachment to the roof of a vehicle.

40. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the rail has a recess formed in the underside of the curved portion and wherein the support is disposed in the recess.

41. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the bottom of the curved portion and the top of the support are flat in horizontal cross-section.

42. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the rail is tubular so as to have a hollow interior, and wherein the roof rack comprises a projection which is complementary in shape to the interior of the rail and which is disposed in the end of the rail.

43. (New) The roof rack of claim 42, further comprising a mounting plate attached to the bottom of the support, and wherein the projection is disposed on the mounting plate.

44. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the bottom of the curved portion and the top of the support have a curved shape in longitudinal cross-section.

45. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, wherein the rail has a step formed on the underside and wherein the support is disposed adjacent the step such that the step locates the support.

46. (New) The roof rack of claim 38, further comprising a mounting plate located between the support and the roof of a vehicle, and wherein the end of the rail is disposed adjacent the mounting plate.

47. (New) The roof rack of claim 46, wherein the mounting plate has a projection disposed thereon such that the projection extends into a hollow interior of the end of the rail.

48. A roof rack for a vehicle comprising:

a rail extending at a distance from a vehicle, wherein an end of the rail has a curved portion formed therein such that the end of the rail curves towards the surface of a vehicle;

a support attached to the underside of the curved portion of the rail, the support having a curved upper surface which is complementary to the lower surface of the curved portion and having a lower surface configured for attachment to a vehicle.

49. (New) The roof rack of claim 48, wherein the rail has a recess formed in the underside of the curved portion, and wherein the support is located in the recess.

50. (New) The roof rack of claim 48, wherein the rail has a step formed in the underside of the curved portion, and wherein the support is disposed against the step.

51. (New) The roof rack of claim 48, further comprising a mounting plate attached to the bottom of the support, and wherein the mounting plate has a projection configured for engaging a recess in the end of the rail.

52. (New) The roof rack of claim 48, wherein the rail is tubular, and wherein the roof rack has a mounting plate attached to the bottom of the support, the mounting plate having a projection extending upwardly therefrom having a shape which corresponds to the interior of the rail.

53. (New) The roof rack of claim 48, wherein the bottom of the curved portion and the top of the recess are curved in longitudinal cross-section and flat in horizontal cross section.